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METRO AREA STUDY TO BEGIN WITH COMMUNITY WORKSHOP, JULY 19

Herndon, VA (June 28, 2010) – Town of Herndon citizens, business owners and all who have a stake in the pending arrival of Metrorail's Silver Line are encouraged to attend a Community Workshop, Monday, July 19, 6pm, at the Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace Street, Herndon.

The Herndon-Monroe Metrorail stop on Metrorail's Silver Line is expected to open in 2016. The stop will be located in the median of the Dulles Toll Road, adjacent to the existing park-and-ride garage on Sunrise Valley Drive. A pedestrian bridge will connect the station to land within the Town of Herndon, on the south side of Herndon Parkway.

The workshop will be hosted by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (VHB), the consulting firm selected by the Herndon Town Council to facilitate the metro area project. In an "open house" format to include large and small group sessions, the workshop will cover such topics as ways to mitigate traffic impacts of the new Metrorail station; ideas for development in the impacted area; and opportunities and challenges represented by the planning process. Visual displays will be presented at the workshop, giving participants a framework from which to explore their own visions for the coming of Metrorail.

Based on community ideas, VHB will host another workshop in the fall with a final, community-wide vision to be presented in spring 2011. As part of the project, VHB has developed a Web site – www.vhb.com/HerndonMetrorail - that provides a project overview and updates; information is also available on the town's Web site, www.herndon-va.gov.

For more information on the project, including the July 19 workshop, contact the Department of Community Development at (703) 787-7830 or metro.plan@herndon-va.gov.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 23,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 25,000 people. *Business Week* Magazine has named Herndon one of the nation's "Best Affordable Suburbs," and *Money* Magazine has ranked Herndon among its "Best Places for the Rich and Single."

For more information, visit the town's Web site at www.herndon-va.gov.

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